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SUBJECT: F-5 CO-PRODUCTION

1. MAAG HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE GROC ON APRIL 20 INSTRUCTED ITS WASHINGTON PROCUREMENT MISSION TO OFFICIALLY REQUEST (AND THEN ACCEPT) A USG LETTER OF OFFER TO CO-PRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL FORTY-TWO F-5E'S AND EIGHTEEN F-5F'S, WITH AN OPTION TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PROGRAM WITH TWENTY F-5E/F'S SHOULD THE GROC BE FINANCIALLY ABLE.

2. ASSUMING THAT ADDITIONAL CO-PRODUCTION WILL EVENTUALLY BE APPROVED, EMBASSY AGAIN URGES THAT WASHINGTON REACH AN EARLY RPT EARLY DECISION IN ORDER TO AVOID A COSTLY TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN OF THE PRODUCTION LINE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE ORIGINAL ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY F-5E'S BY MAY 31, 1978. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT MR. THOMAS MCCARTHY, MANAGER OF NORTHROP CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM ACQUISITION WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AROUND APRIL 28. MCCARTHY HAS JUST BEEN IN TAIPEI PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST DAY OF THE ANNUAL CO-PRODUCTION REVIEW, AND WE HAVE URGED HIM TO CONTACT EA/ROC (LEVIN OR FREEMAN) AND DISCUSS TIMING OF FOLLOW-ON CO-PRODUCTION AS NORTHROP SEES IT.

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